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The CEP has held weekly meetings totaling 32 this academic year. (This includes 24 CEP meetings and 8 undergrad program review subcommittee meetings per faculty member to date). This total number of meetings will likely rise due to additional meetings needed for our three review subcommittees when the reports are received by the external reviewers. Our members are to be commended for their steadfast work in all matters concerning educational policy.

A conflict of interest statement was adopted to govern the Committee on Educational Policy procedures for 2006-07.

We have successfully reincarnated the undergraduate program reviews and developed a set of internal procedures for the CEP in conducting the reviews. A mutually congenial and productive relationship has been established with the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education office, with the VPUE position serving as ex officio on all program reviews. In addition, the VPUE staff has assisted greatly in gathering data and information for the program self studies. A site visit was completed on the History program, the Statistics program, and the Computer Science and Computer Engineering programs. We anticipate reports from external reviewers in the coming days, which we will act on according to policy.

We have notified four programs of their impending reviews for 2007-08: Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages, Music, Mathematics, and Electrical Engineering. Mathematics has asked for a one year postponement and we are deliberating as to whether to grant the postponement. If the postponement is granted, then we will notify a different CNAS program of their review. It is our hope to complete the site visits for all four reviews by winter quarter next year.

Various actions with respect to majors and minors and other programs were discussed, approved and forwarded to the Division, including:

PROPOSED CURRICULUM CHANGES APPROVED:

B.S. in Administration  
Liberal Studies Major  
B.S. Biological Sciences  
Geology Major  
Chemical Engineering  
Physics Major  
BLSC Ent Changes  
Entomology BA BS  
Biochem BA BS  
BPSC  
Electrical Engineering

NEW DEGREES APPROVED:

BLSC Honors  
MSE undergraduate degree
Topics discussed and/or acted upon by the Committee in consultation with other Senate Committees and/or the Administration throughout the year included:

Senate chair goals at annual retreat
Proposal to establish an undergraduate research scholar program (now in the hands of the Exec. Committees)
Posthumous Degree policy
Role of graduate students in instruction
UCR naming proposal changes
Revision on Life Sciences core curriculum Regulation 3.5
Name change for Department of Plant Pathology
Incentives for faculty to offer students in filling out iEval
Student Success Task Force Final Report
First draft, Life Sciences Undergraduate Program Review Findings and Recommendations
Internal CEP Undergraduate Program Review Procedures developed
Modification in Academic Integrity policy
Suggested strengthening of sanctions on cases of breaches of academic integrity
Classroom disruptions by on and off campus groups
Biomed bylaws
Regulation 7 for Expected Progress
Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s policy
Exploration of Combining Undergrad and Grad program review faculty surveys is underway
Proposal for a new medical school
Proposal and revised proposal for new department of Media and Cultural Studies
Proposal and revised proposal for a new department of Public Policy
General Education
Conversion Factor

The Chair and Vice Chair have met either separately or together with CNAS Associate Dean Linda Walling several times and the Life Sciences Council of Chairs (LSCC) to discuss the external reviewers’ and the CEP findings and recommendations as well as the LSCC’s progress in developing a response. The Committee met with Laura Riley, Director, Student Judicial Affairs, to discuss sanctions for academic integrity cases.

During the remainder of the academic year, we are continuing on the Life Sciences undergraduate program review, with extensions granted for all CNAS parties’ (programs involved, LSCC, CNAS Dean’s office, and CNAS Executive Committee) to respond to the CEP’s Finding and Recommendations by May 11, 2007. (Responses not received as of the finalization of this report, May 1.) Beginning May 12, the CEP will finalize its Findings and Recommendations. The CEP is firmly resolved to provide its Final Findings and Recommendations in the first week of June, 2007.

The vice chair of the CEP currently represents the campus at the system-wide level of CEP (UCEP). He has kept CEP informed about system-wide developments and items discussed at UCEP: UCEP and other components of the Academic Senate are working together with the Office of the President in the formation of an Undergraduate Planning Council for UC. This Council will take a comprehensive look at the future of undergraduate education at UC. In addition, to this major initiative, UCEP has been looking at a number of other matters. It has been involved in efforts by the Senate to bring about a more coherent
implementation of faculty salary scales. It has also been working at guidelines for the employment of
graduate students. UCEP has also supported Senate involvement in the study of the effects of Proposition
209-regarding preferential treatment in admission of undergraduates and graduates from select minority
groups. UCEP has recommended that the number of students per section in writing classes be limited, but
rejected an unfunded mandate for a class size of 20. UCEP has been working together with the Office of
the President and the community colleges in pushing forward the project of articulating course material
and requirements for undergraduate majors. This will allow credit for courses taken elsewhere, especially
at community colleges, to be systematized and simplified.

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